



2/49th MP Brigade
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On Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 1pm, the Second Battalion, 49th Military Police Brigade, Alaska State Defense Force, Dept. Of Military & Veterans' Affairs, State of Alaska, Col. Craig Bledsoe commanding, will have an activation ceremony to formally recognize the unit as part of the Alaska State Defense Force. The ceremony will consist of presentation of Battalion colors and the "standing up" of the unit. The ceremony will be held at the Alaska Rail Road Depot Annex Building next to the Alaska Railroad Depot in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Second Battalion, or 2BN, is the first Signals Battalion to be organized under the Alaska State Defense Force. As such, it is unique in the history of ASDF. 2BN is also the first signals unit to be formed under any of the 27 state defense forces organized in the various states of the United States.

2BN's colors are a rampant polar bear overlooking satellite dishes with a satellite in the background reflecting the communications mission of 2BN in Alaska's emergency services and homeland defense missions.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the 2d BN (SIG) is to provide communications support to the military police missions of the 49th MP BDE and to assist civil authorities by providing emergency communications support as required by State and local governments.

Hope this helps.
For the Commander,

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